

# WCSX-HD2

PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT  
April 1- June 30, 2015

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## **Section I – Community Issues**

WCSX-HD2 is continually engaged in dialogue with community leaders and our audience to determine issues that affect our broadcast area. As a broadcast station, we are committed to addressing these issues in our issue responsive programming. Below is a list of the top issues of concern to the community that were addressed through public service programming during the quarter ending June 30, 2015

- 1. Economy**
- 2. Terrorism / War**
- 3. Gender / Racial Issues**
- 4. Crime**
- 5. Government policy**
- 6. Detroit**
- 7. Current Affairs**
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## **Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing**

WCSX-HD2 aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between April 1 and June 30, 2015.

### **“The Peter Werbe Show”**

Sundays, 6:00am – 7:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WCSX-HD2 Public Affairs Director, Peter Werbe, the show features guests and community leaders discussing key issues affecting Metro Detroit with content mirroring issues of concern to our listening audience.

## Section III – Public Affairs Programming and News Summary

Below is a summary illustrating how WCSX-HD2 addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending June 30, 2015.

### **1. Economy**

**April 5, 6:00 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Thom Hartmann, nationally syndicated radio talk show host, and author, *The Crash of 2016: The Plot to Destroy America—and What We Can Do to Stop It*, said a great economic calamity lies ahead unless new regulations are put in place to prevent it. 25 min.

**April 12, 6:00 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Staughton Lynd, author, *Solidarity Unionism: Rebuilding the Labor Movement from Below*, said the demise of labor unions is a key factor in the decline of the middle class and overall wage standards. 25 min.

### **2. War and Terrorism**

**April 19, 6:00 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Novelist Mike Bond's latest thriller, *House of Jaguar*, is set in Guatemala during the worst years of the death squad reign and tells the story of U.S. complicity echoing the author's own experiences there as a reporter during the 1980s. 25 min.

**April 19, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Larry Hancock, co-author, *Shadow Warfare: The History of America's Undeclared Wars*, described the history of U.S. covert warfare and how it often creates a blow-back which only increases the problem. 25 min.

**April 26, 6:00 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Cara Hoffman, author of the novel, *Be Safe, I Love you*, painted a vivid and nuanced portrait of post-traumatic stress disorder and raised questions about class divisions; how the working class is more directly affected by America's wars. 25 min.

### **3. Gender/Racial Issues**

**May 10, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Aviva Chomsky, author, *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*, discussed the history of immigration and negative public attitudes that block reform. 25 min.

**June 21, 6:30 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Neal Shirley, co-author, *Dixie Be Damned: 300 Years of Insurrection in the American South*, described the many incidents and movements for human dignity and social justice in a region long thought to be devoid of it. 25 min.

#### **4. Crime/Courts/Justice**

**April 5, 6:30 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Guitarist Wayne Kramer, talked about his experience in prison, and how it lead to his co-founding the Jail Guitar Doors project which places instruments in penitentiaries. 25 min.

**April 12, 6:30 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Karen Dolan, fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, co-authored the recent study, "The Poor Get Prison: The Alarming Spread of the Criminalization of Poverty," described the ill effects of discriminatory policing and sentencing. 25 min.

#### **5. Government Policy**

**May 3, 6:00 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Nelson A. Denis, author, *War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony*, gave the history of the island and described the 1950 failed attempt at an armed insurrection. 25 min.

**June 14, 6:00 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Kevin Zeeze, an activist with FlushtheTPP.org, described the negative aspects of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, and urged listeners to tell their congressional representative to oppose Fast Track legislation. 25 min.

#### **6. Detroit**

**May 24, 6:30 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Bill Morris, author of the novel, *Motor City Burning*, said he uses the plot device to talk about Detroit race relations, its sports teams, and its economy. 25 min.

**June 28, 6:00 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Carleton Gholz, founder and director of the Detroit Sound Conservancy, spoke about the importance of preserving Detroit's musical heritage and the work of this project. 25 min.

#### **7. Current Affairs**

**May 10, 6:30 am**  
**The Peter Werbe Show**

Jared Ball, associate professor of communication studies at Morgan State University in Baltimore discussed the killing in the city that set off a night of rioting. 25 min.

**May 24, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Timothy K. Kuhner, author, *Capitalism v. Democracy: Money in Politics and the Free Market Constitution*, described how recent US Supreme Court decisions are detrimental to both the economy and the political system. 25 min.

**June 7, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Pulitzer Prize winning, New York Times reporter, Chris Hedges, author, *Wages of Rebellion: The Moral Imperative of Revolt*, discussed the role of dissent in making important social changes beginning with the Founding Fathers. 25 min.

**June 21, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

James W. Loewen, co-editor, *The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader: The "Great Truth" about the "Lost Cause,"* discussed the meaning of the Confederate flag and what it symbolizes in contemporary politics in light of the Charleston Massacre. 25 min.

**8. Education/Parenting**

**May 3, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Joel Westheimer, author, *What Kind of Citizen? Educating Our Children for the Common Good*, suggested teaching methods that instill democratic values in our students. 25 min.

**May 17, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, discussed how native people are excluded from historical narratives when taught in schools. 25 min.

**May 17, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Ken Mikolowski, author, *That That*, talked about his book of minimalist poetry and how it challenges his students' concept of the genre. 25 min.

**9. Environment**

**April 26, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Paul R. Ehrlich, co-author, *Hope on Earth*, discussed the challenges to our civilization that extreme climate change will bring and what we need to do to avert catastrophe. 25 min.

**May 31, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Jamie Bianchini, author, *A Bicycle Built for Two Billion*, told how he pedaled around the world to 81 countries to demonstrate the value of environmentally friendly transportation. 25 min.

**10. Technology**

**June 14, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Thomas P. Keenan, author, *Technocreep: The Surrender of Privacy and the Capitalization of Intimacy*, detailed how surveillance intrudes into almost all aspects of modern life. 25 min.

**June 28, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Robert W. McChesney, author, *Digital Disconnect: How Capitalism is Turning the Internet Against Democracy*, discussed the relationship between the Internet and the economy, and said a society drenched in information in the digital age is not inherently a democratic one. 25 min.